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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER CRITICIZES U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

1. IN A RARE INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN CONSERVATIVE NEWSWEEKLY "QUE PASA" ON JUNE 9, FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO CARVAJAL PUBLICLY ASSAILED U.S. FOREIGN/HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, LABELLING IT "INTERVENTIONIST". ACCORDING TO A SOMBER CARVAJAL, THE U.S. IMAGINES A SUDDEN "OUTBREAK OF WICKEDNESS" IN THE SOUTHERN CONE, WITH EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE TORTURE, IMPRISONMENT AND DISAPPEARANCE OF PEOPLE.

2. OTHER SALIENT CARVAJAL STATEMENTS IN THE INTERVIEW:

--U.S. DETENTE POLICY CAUSED THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR TO RECEDE, BUT IT GAVE TO THE USSR A FREE HAND TO ATTACK CHILE THROUGH ITS PROPAGATION OF SUBVERSIVE TERRORISM. URUGUAY, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND CHILE AS A NECESSITY TURNED TO THE ARMED
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FORCES TO SUPPRESS THE VIOLENCE. THIS THE U.S. CANNOT OR WILL NOT SEE, PREFERING TO PUNISH ITS LONG-STANDING FRIENDS FOR COMBATING THIS USSR-INSTIGATED TERRORISM. "IN ESSENCE, THE US PUT ITSELF ON RUSSIA'S SIDE."

--THE RECEPTION OF FREI AND ALMEYDA BY HIGH-LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS PRODUCED A PROFOUND ANNOYANCE WITHIN THE GOC.

3. ASKED FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE OAS AND UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS, CARVAJAL CONSIDERED THE IAHRC "MUCH MORE IMPARTIAL, LESS POLITICAL..(AND NOT AS HOSTILE, UNJUST,OR RADICAL" AS IT UN COUNTERPART. THE FORMER IS MADE UP OF CHILE'S FRIENDS. NEVERTHELESS, OPINED CARVAJAL, BOTH PERSIST IN ACTING AS PRO-SECUTORS WHO "SEEK TO CONFUSE THE WITNESS WITH THEIR INSIDIOUS QUESTIONS AND SEND THE ACCUSED TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR".

4. CARVAJAL CONCLUDED THAT "THERE IS NO FRIENDSHIP AMONG COUNTRIES, ONLY INTERESTS". EARLIER IN THE INTERVIEW HE CITED THE "SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP" THAT CHILE FEELS FOR THE U.S.

5. COMMENT: CARVAJAL ON OCCASION HAS SPOKEN TO US WITH FERVOR, BUT ALWAYS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. WE DO NOT RECALL HIM PREVIOUSLY TAKING THE US SO TO TASK IN PUBLIC, AND THERE IS AN UNUSUAL NOTE OF BITTERNESS IN HIS COMMENTS.

6. WE DETECT AN EMOTIONAL ELEMENT IN THIS INTERVIEW, BUT THE COMMENTS ON SOVIET-INSPIRED INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND US INTERVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS APPEAR TO BE INSPIRED BY THE ABORTIVE SOUTHERN CONE SUMMIT MEETING DESCRIBED IN THE RECENT AP REPORT FROM BUENOS AIRES (SANTIAGO 4739 NOTAL). MOREOVER, WE SUSPECT THAT AT LEAST AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW, CARVAJAL WAS PREPARING THE GROUND FOR TAKING A HARD POSITION TOWARD THE US AT THE GRENADA OASGA NEXT WEEK.
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